Workshop on 'Women and Law'

*109. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a workshop on 'Women and Law' in the SAARC Region, held in Dhaka on December 28-30, 1986 had strongly recommended the need for a Uniform Civil Code;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister had also stated that Government was ready to go ahead with the Uniform Civil Code; if so, what exactly he had said in this regard; and

(c) what follow-up action has been taken in this regard so far, besides the indepth study in the subject?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING, THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) It would not be possible to state specifically about the observation made by the Prime Minister on the Uniform Civil Code unless some indication is given of the date on and the forum in which the reported statement was made.

(c) The proposal to frame Uniform Civil Code is under study.

Approval for Bakreswar Thermal Plant

*110.SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of West Bengal sent proposals for construction of Bakreswar Thermal Plant —one offered by the Soviets and the other by DCPL for approval of the Central Government;

(b) if so, when these proposals were received by the Central Government; and

(c) what is the reason for delay in according the approval and by when the approval is expected to be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) For the Bakreswar Thermal Power Project which is a State Plan scheme, two unsolicited offers were received by the State Government and were forwarded to the Government of India for consideration in April, 1986. These offers were submitted by a Consortium led by M|s. Technopromexport (USSR) and by a Consortium comprising M|s. C.Itoh & Co., Japan and M|s. Kuljian Corporation, USA. The offers were incomplete in several respects and were subsequently modified by the two Consortia. The date of approval will be determined after the acceptability of the offers has been decided.

Wage revision for workers of Bhopal Unit of BHEL

*111. SHRI M. A. BABY:

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether wage revision for workers of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd., Bhopal; is overdue;

(b) if so, whether any move has been made for this purpose; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The wage revision in respect of workmen in BHEL is due with effect from 1-9-1986.

(b) and (c) The Management has been holding discussions with the Unions.